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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date January 5, 2006

In re the Application of

Akio KOBAYASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1632

Application No.: 10/041,633

Examiner: V. BERTOGLIO

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Docket No.: 111632

For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING CELLS

**SMALL ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired October 7, 2005, an extension of time for a period of 3 months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 174899 in the amount of \$510 in payment for:

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Respectfully submitted,

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